

REMARKS

Allowable Subject Matter

The office action states at page 4 that “[t]he subject matter of claims 16-18 would be allowable” if they are amended as independent claims that address the other objections and rejections raised. The Applicants amend claims 16 – 17, incorporating changes to address the objections and indefiniteness rejections (as discussed below), and placing the claims in independent form. As such, claims 16 – 17 are allowable, and their acceptance is respectfully requested. Claim 18, amended for form, is dependent from allowable claim 17. Thus, claim 18 should also be allowable. Claims 1 and 15 have been cancelled. Claims 2 – 10 and 14 have been amended into method claims depending from allowable claim 16. Claims 11 – 13 are also amended into method claims, analogous with allowable claim 16. Thus amended claims 2 – 14 should all be allowable.

Specification

The Applicants amend the specification at line 13, page 13 of the application to delete the reference to a diagram, and amend the paragraph straddling pages 1 and 2 to insert a new formula II. An abstract, provided on a separate sheet attached hereto, is submitted to meet the requirements of MPEP §608.01(b). With this amendment and abstract submission, Applicants submit the specification is in condition for allowance.

Claim Objections

The Applicants cancel claim 1 and amend claims 11 – 14, according to the suggestions presented in the office action, to address the claim objections. As such, the objections are overcome.

Indefiniteness

Claims 1, 11, 16, and 17 stand rejected for indefiniteness under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Claim 1 is cancelled. Claim 11 is amended to incorporate the missing formula III. Claims 16 and 17 are amended as independent claims. As such claims 11,

16, and 17, and all dependent claims therefrom, are definite and allowable within the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

New Claims and Other Amendments

New claims 20 – 32 are analogous to claims 2-14, but are dependent from, or analogous with, allowable claim 17. Thus claims 20 - 32 are allowable. New claims 33-45 are analogous to allowable claim 18, but dependent from claims 20 - 32, respectfully. Since claims 20 - 32 depend from, or are analogous with, claim 17, claims 33 - 45 are also allowable.

All other amendments to claims 2 – 14 and 16 – 18 are made to maintain the consistency of the forms of the claims with one another.

Conclusion

In light of the aforementioned amendments and arguments, claims 2 – 14, 16 – 18, and 20 – 45 are hereby submitted for acceptance.

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